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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2002, in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted the application to nine designated inventions, namely the invention of Group I (Claims 1-5, 8-24, 26-28, and 47-48) drawn to polynucleotides, vectors and host cells and method of making a polypeptide, classified in class 435, subclass 69.1; Group II (Claims 6-7, and 49) drawn to a polypeptide, classified in class 435, subclass 232; Group III (Claim 25), drawn to one or more plant oils or acids, classified in class 426, subclass 601+; Group IV (Claims 29-34), drawn to a method of producing PUFA, classified in class 435, subclass 134; Group V (Claims 35-39), drawn to a nutritional composition comprising a PUFA, classified in class 435, subclass 232; Group VI (Claims 40), drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a PUFA, classified in class 435, subclass 232; Group VII (Claims 41-44), drawn to an animal feed comprising a PUFA, classified in class 426, subclass 635; Group VIII (Claim 45), drawn to a cosmetic comprising a PUFA, classified in class 514, subclass 844; and Group IX (Claim 46), drawn to a method of preventing or treating a condition, classified in class 424, subclass 94.1.

Applicants elect the invention designated as Group I (i.e., Claims 1-5, 8-24, 26-28 and 47-48), with traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications in connection with the non-elected claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the above, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.



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